**GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY** 

## STATE OF ARIZONA PROCLÂMATION

WHEREAS, Arizona faces a growing number of offenders who are being incarcerated in state facilities: and

WHEREAS, correctional education in our state continues to play an important role in the process by which incarcerated individuals and those under community supervision can gain the education necessary to become productive citizens and break the cycle of crime and violence that plagues much of our offender population; and

WHEREAS, the opportunity to improve their knowledge and skills is invaluable for offenders who are prepared to pay their debt to society and resume a life as a gainfully employed and lawabiding citizen; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's Correctional Educators contribute their time and energy on behalf of incarcerated men and women, and are vital to the true rehabilitation process by which offenders can gain dignity, respect, and self-esteem; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's Correctional Educators have an organizational mission to advocate for excellence in correctional education by providing high quality services and resources for its members; and

WHEREAS, there is an established body of research to support education as a significant strategy for reducing recidivism, with literacy being a key factor in a successful educational experience, as well as having qualified correctional educators who help to ensure the success of correctional education programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim May 21 - 25, 2018, as

## ARIZONA CORRECTIONAL EDUCATION WEEK



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this twenty-seventh day of April in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Second.

ATTEST: